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EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether registration of unemployed persons in employment exchanges have declined ;

(b) if so, whether the employment exchanges functioning in the country have now become insignificant ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto ;

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the extent of success achieved as a result of these steps ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) Registration of job seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, in employment exchanges in the country has gone up to 72.89 lakh as on 31.12.2006 from 50.64 lakh as on 3.12.2002, registering an increase of around 46 percent.Over the last ten years, around 58 lakh job seekers on an average per year were approaching employment exchanges for registration.

(btoe) Employment exchanges with a network of 947 offices spread throughout the length and breadth of the country are providing free services to the job seekers, employers, etc. through various functions such as registration, submission of names to employers, career counseling, vocational guidance and collection of labour market information. Functioning of employment exchanges in the country is, therefore, still significant.